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SUBJECT: DILUTION OF PAN AM FLEET IN BERLIN

1. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, PAN AM HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT DILUTING THE STRENGTH OF ITS BERLIN IGS FLEET IN ORDER TO SERVICE A GROWING NUMBER OF DESTINATIONS NEITHER ASSOCIATED WITH THE IGS NOR WITH DIRECT INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS FROM BERLIN TO THE UNITED STATES AND ZURICH.

2. THESE ADDITIONAL ROUTES INCLUDE LINKS FROM FRANKFURT TO POINTS TO THE EAST, NAMELY:
PRAGUE (MONDAY),
BELGRADE AND BUCHAREST (TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SUNDAY)
BUDAPEST (WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY),
ISTANBUL AND ANKARA (SATURDAY). THE FLIGHT TO PRAGUE ALSO CONTINUES TO DAMASCUS.

3. SEVERAL SCANDINAVIAN DESTINATIONS ARE ALSO SERVICED WITH BERLIN-BASED 727S OPERATING VIA LONDON. DESTINATIONS ARE BERGEN AND OSLO (DAILY), AND STOCKHOLM (USUALLY DAILY, BUT SOMETIMES A 707 FROM NEW YORK IS SUBSTITUTED). WE HAVE HEARD THE SCANDINAVIAN OPERATION WILL BE FURTHER ENLARGED, WITH A LONDON-COPENHAGEN-WARSAW SERVICE.

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4. THERE ARE 13 BOEING 727S ASSIGNED TO THE PAN AM FLEET HERE. HOWEVER, AT PRESENT THERE ARE ONLY EIGHT DEVOTED SOLELY TO THE IGS. THAT IS, PART OF THE TIME OF FIVE IGS AIRCRAFT IS INVOLVED WITH THESE UNRELATED SERVICES. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY PAN AM PERSONS HERE THAT NINE FULL-TIME AIRCRAFT ARE NEEDED TO PROPERLY OPERATE THE IGS AND TO

PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT CUSHION TO PERMIT THE ORDERLY AND
ACCEPTABLE HANDLING OF MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS.

5. PAN AM BERLIN MANAGER GALLAGHER HAS EXPRESSED OPPOSITION
TO THE REDUCTION IN AIRCRAFT TIME FOR THE IGS TO HIS
SUPERIORS AND HIS NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS. THE U.S. ADMINIS-
TRATOR FOR AERONAUTICS SPOKE INFORMALLY TO PAN AM MANAGEMENT
IN NEW YORK ABOUT IT WHEN HE WAS IN THE U.S. LAST MONTH.

6. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT PANAM MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN
ITS FULL IGS LOAD, PARTICULARLY NEXT MONTH WHEN THE ANNUAL
FUNKAUSSTELLUNG IN BERLIN WILL DEMAND THAT EXTRA SECTIONS
BE ADDED TO SCHEDULED SERVICES. WE DO NOT MEAN TO SUGGEST
WE TELL PAN AM HOW TO RUN A WORLDWIDE AIRLINE, BUT WE DO
THINK A WORD TO KEY MANAGERS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MAIN-
TAINING THE QUALITY OF THE IGS IS IN ORDER. SUGGEST
DEPARTMENT CONVEY POINT APPROPRIATELY TO NEW YORK
MANAGEMENT CONTACTS. GEORGE

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